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December 14, 2004

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Re: The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company
Leveraged Lease Financing
BNSF 2004-K

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am enclosing for recording pursuant to Section 11301 of Title 49 of the United States Code, two original copies of the Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-K), dated as of December 15, 2004, between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Owner Trustee of the BNSF 2004-K Statutory Trust, as lessor (the "Lessor"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as lessee (the "Lessee"), a primary document as defined in the Surface Transportation Board's Rules for the Recordation of Documents.

The names and addresses of the parties to the enclosed document are as follows:

Lessee:	The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company 2500 Lou Menk Drive Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828
Lessor:	U.S. Bank Trust National Association 225 Asylum Street, 23 rd Floor Hartford, Connecticut 06103 Attention: Corporate Trust Services

The equipment covered as of the date hereof by the aforesaid Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement consists of 63 40' Doublestack Cars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 237806 through BNSF 237868, inclusive; and 40 Refrigerated Boxcars (Bonus) bearing the reporting marks within the series BNSF 794070 through BNSF-794109; all as specifically described in Exhibit A attached hereto.

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A short summary of the document to appear in the index follows:

Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-K) between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee of the BNSF 2004-K Statutory Trust, as Lessor and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, as Lessee.

A fee of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) is enclosed. Please time and date stamp the enclosed copy of the enclosed document along with the extra copy of this letter as proof of filing and recordation of the enclosed document and return the original and any extra copies of such document and this letter not needed by the Board for recordation to:

Robert Alvord, Esq.
Alvord and Alvord
1050 Seventeenth Street, N.W.
Suite 301
Washington, D.C. 20036

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned (312-845-2991).

Sincerely,

CHAPMAN AND CUTLER LLP

By Michael D. Robson
Michael D. Robson

Enclosures

EXHIBIT A

UNITS

EQUIPMENT	QUANTITY	REPORTING MARKS
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**MEMORANDUM OF EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT
(BNSF 2004-K)**

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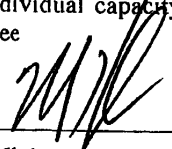
Memorandum of Equipment Lease Agreement, made and entered into as of December 15, 2004, by and between U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as Owner Trustee, a national banking association, not in its individual capacity, but solely as Owner Trustee, as Lessor ("*Lessor*"), and The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company, a Delaware corporation, as Lessee ("*Lessee*").

WITNESSETH:

The undersigned have entered into that certain Equipment Lease Agreement (BNSF 2004-K), dated as of December 1, 2004 (the "*Lease Agreement*"), whereby the Lessor has agreed to lease to Lessee and Lessee has agreed to lease from Lessor certain railroad equipment bearing reporting marks as listed on Exhibit A attached hereto, effective as of the date first set forth hereinabove and subject to the term defined in said Lease Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have each caused this memorandum to be duly executed by their respective officers duly authorized as of the date and year first above written.

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,
not in its individual capacity, but solely as
Owner Trustee

By 
Name: **Michael M. Hopkins**
Title: **Vice President**

Executed on this 13 day of December, 2004.

THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY

By _____
Name: **L. Steven Vollmer**
Title: **General Director-Finance**

Executed on this ____ day of December, 2004.

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By _____
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Title:

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THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE
RAILWAY COMPANY


By  _____
Name: L. Steven Vollmer
Title: General Director-Finance

Executed on this 14th day of December, 2004.

Connecticut
STATE OF _____)
Hartford) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the 13 day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Michael M. Hopkins, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the Vice President of U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December 13, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.


Name: KAREN R. FELT
Notary Public NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires 02/28/2009
My Commission Expires:
Residing in Middletown

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the ____ day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of WELLS FARGO BANK NORTHWEST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December ____, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF _____)
) SS.:
COUNTY OF _____)

On this, the ____ day of December, 2004, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared _____, who being by me duly sworn, says that (s)he is the _____ of U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, that said instrument was signed on December ___, 2004 on behalf of said association by authority of its Board of Directors, and (s)he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said association.

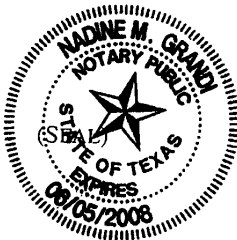
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.

Name:
Notary Public
My Commission Expires:
Residing in _____

STATE OF TEXAS)
) SS:
COUNTY OF TARRANT)

On this 14th day of December, 2004, before me personally appeared L. Steven Vollmer to me personally known, who being by me duly sworn, says that he is the General Director-Finance of THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY, that said instrument was signed and sealed on December 14, 2004, on behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors; and he acknowledged that the execution of the foregoing instrument was the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the date above mentioned.



Nadine M. Grandi
Name: NADINE M GRANDI
Notary Public -
My Commission Expires: 06/05/2008
Residing in FORT WORTH, TX

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